

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Howell *et al.*

Appln. No.: TBD

Filed: Herewith

For: Optical Amplifier

Docket No.: TI-32509

Art Unit: TBD

Examiner: TBD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

January 18, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before examination or calculation of fees, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, before line 1:

This application claims priority under 35 USC § 119(e)(1) of provisional application number 60/263,150 filed 1/22/01 and provisional application number 60/335,777 filed 10/31/01.

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number and address.

Respectfully submitted,



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